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Governor. It'd recommend it strongly to any future Governor. It's something I believe has great value because, although we do come from different branches of state government, we operate as a check and balance on each other, we must never forget we're the same voters, represent the same Nebraskans and have the same Nebraskans at heart when we advocate for policies that we believe will lead our state forward. I want you to know, ladies and gentlemen, that I'm eager to work with each and every one of the 49 state senators. And while I may not always agree with you on every issue, in fact I'll quarantee that I won't, when we disagree it will be with civility, fairness and respect for you as a fellow elected official. In this regard, I'd like to share with you some words of a former Nebraska Governor, William A. Poynter, who assumed office 100 years ago and delivered his Inaugural Address to the Twenty-Sixth Session of the Nebraska Legislature on January 5, 1899. Poynter said, and I quote, "We recognize that the primary power rests in the hands of the people and that this, their will, should at all times be considered supreme." He continued, "Partisanship may be bitter before an election, but, the will of the people having been expressed, citizenship should rise above partisanship." He concluded his remarks with, "It is my most sincere desire that we shall cooperate for the best interests of the state." It is my sincere desire that we will cooperate for the best interests of the state. Governor Poynter assumed office on the eve of the last century, at a time when over 4,000 Nebraskan soldiers had volunteered for dutv Spanish-American War and the first Nebraska regiment suffered more casualties than any volunteer unit in that war. His inauguration followed a very troubled decade for Nebraska's ag sector, a period marked by severe drought and crop failures. Nevertheless, Governor Poynter and your predecessors in the Legislature approached the future a century ago with great confidence, optimism for the future of our state, and with a belief that by working together the state would progress and succeed in the century to come. The challenges that we face today won't be easily resolved. Yet, by working together, I believe we can seize these challenges, turning them into opportunities, and move our state forward int. the next century. Ladies and gentlemen, I tell you I approach the next four years of service with tremendous enthusiasm, but tempered by humility and awe at the opportunity that Nebraskans have given to me to